YUUJOU KAKIN KARMAN GAIN

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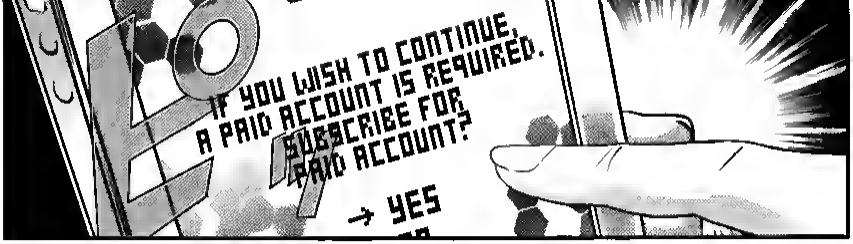

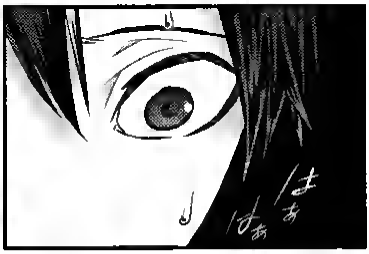

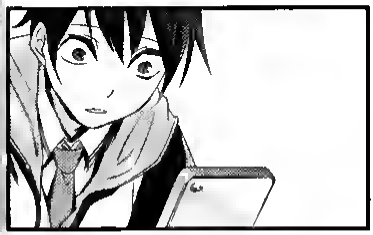

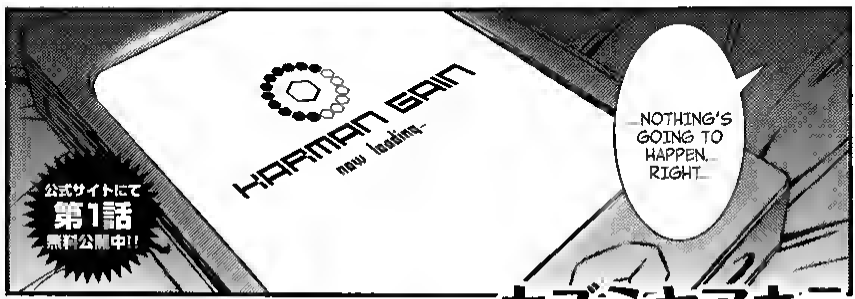

KARMAN GAIN'S WISH GRANTING ABILITIES, JUST CAUSED TSUKINO'S DEATH.

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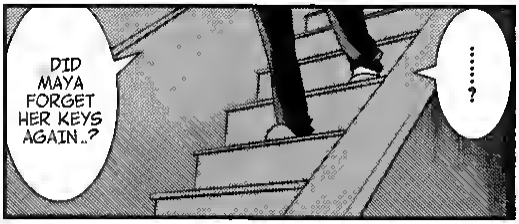
HUH...?
MAYA TOO... WHY ISN'T SHE BACK FROM CLASS YET...
SHE'S USUALLY WATCHING TV HERE... WHERE'D SHE GO...
MOM...
SHOULD I CALL THE HANDY-MAN? BUT IT'S SO LATE AT NIGHT.
NO WATER...
?

...IT... STOPPED ...
ALL THE HOUSE'S POWER IS CUT
THE ONLY THING WORK-ING IS THIS
HUH?

YOUR PAID SUBSCRIPTION FOR KARMAN GAIN IS COMPLETE
KARMAN
PAID SUB-SCRIPTION...?
OH... FROM JUST NOW...
.....
KARMAN GAIN
...THIS GAME'S COLLECTABLE LIFE POINTS... LP FOR SHORT...
THE LP SYSTEM GRANTS REAL LIFE WISHES, I'M ALMOST SURE OF IT...
BUT DID TSUKINO DIE BECAUSE OF THE GAME...?
DID SHE DIE... 'CAUSE OF MY WISH...?
GAME OVER
KILLING SOMEONE WITH JUST A WISH...
I KNEW THIS GAME WASN'T NORMAL
AND ANYWAY ...

THAT'S DEFINITELY NOT NORMAL!
WHAT WERE THOSE THINGS AROUND TSUKINO...


DID MAYA FORGET HER KEYS AGAIN..?
.....?

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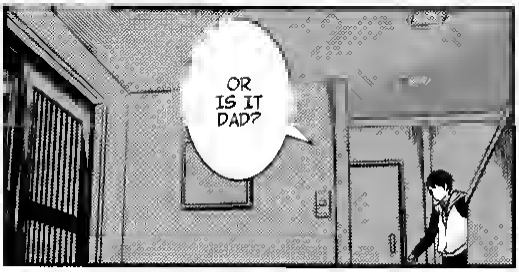
OR IS IT DAD?

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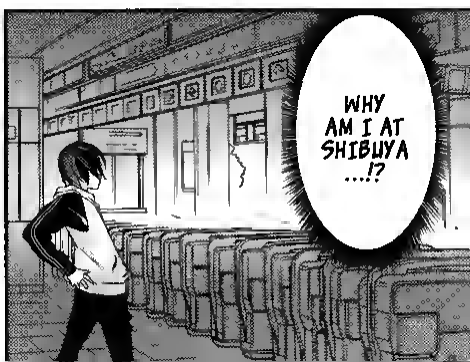
I JUST OPENED THE FRONT DOOR, NOW I'M THE STATION... THIS IS JUST
THIS LOOKS JUST LIKE IN KARMAN GAIN

.....
...WHA...?!


WHY AM I AT SHIBUYA ...!?

HEY!
!?
WHY ISN'T THERE ANYONE AROUND?
THAT'S WEIRD...
A BOSS MONSTER HAS PPEARED IN YOUR AREA
ENEMY
HM?
WHEW
PEOPLE! THERE'S PEOPLE!
BEEP BEEP
!?

AIBU
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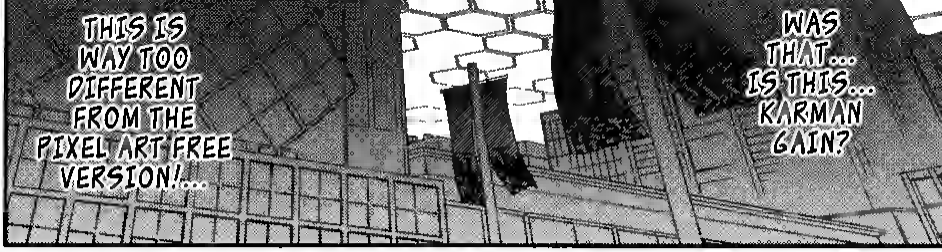
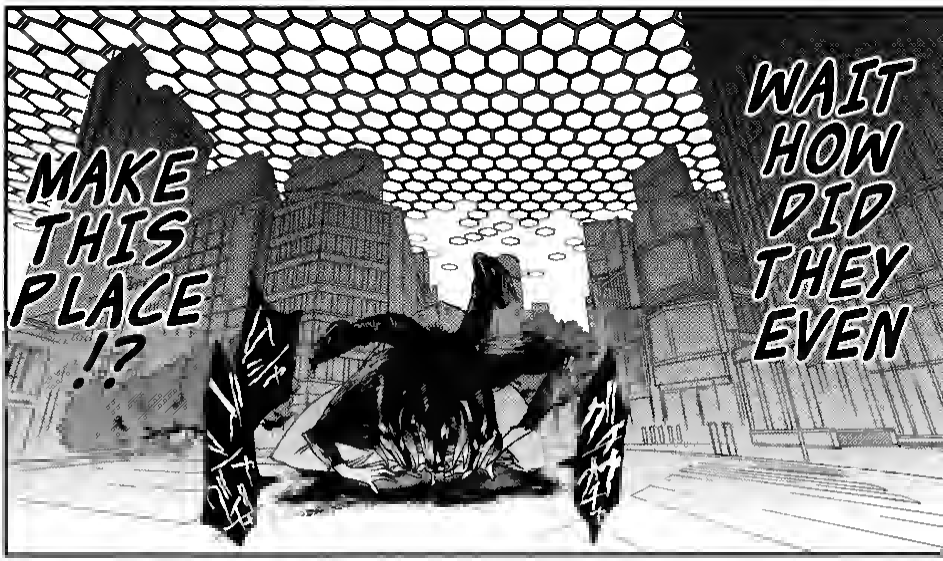
……!?
ISN'T THAT... A KARMAN GAIN...
BOSS... MONSTER ...?
QUEST TARGET, NEINGOATS

HEEELP!
!?
IT'S HEADIN THIS WAY!!

UUW WOO AAA AH!!


THIS IS WAY TOO DIFFERENT FROM THE PIXEL ART FREE VERSION!...
WAS THAT... IS THIS... KARMAN GAIN?


MAKE THIS PLACE!?
WAIT HOW DID THEY EVEN

G- GET ME OUTTA HERE!!
YOU CAN'T LOG-OUT
IT'S FINE, THE BOSS IS STILL EATING

GURENIORI LV19
LP 00440 / 00440
WHAT'S THAT WINDOW...
DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE ANOTHER MONSTER_!?
GURENIORI_?
I'M A PLAYER!
!?
S-STAY AWAY!
LOOK, I TOLD YOU! I'M A PLAYER!
I'M USING THIS AVATAR TO TRANSMIT MY VOICE
_THIS IS NO PLACE TO WALK AROUND DEFENSELESS, LIKE YOU ARE DOING RIGHT NOW

IT'LL GIVE US SOME TIME...
THE BOSS IS STILL EATING THOSE THREE PLAYERS...
WHEW...
CALMED DOWN YET?
SO?
I GET IT BUT...
I GET THAT THIS PLACE IS INSIDE KARMAN GAIN
AUTO-JOINED TEAM

WE CAN AT LEAST WORK TOGETHER RIGHT?
HUH... WORK TOGE-THER?
WHO THE HECK IS THIS GIRL
PRIVATE..?
THAT'S CRAZY...
DEFEAT THE BOSS... THAT HUGE MONSTER?
UNTIL WE TAKE DOWN THAT BOSS, WE CAN'T LEAVE.
THERE'S NO WAY A NORMAL PERSON CAN TAKE A MONSTER LIKE THAT DOWN!
...DON'T TELL ME THIS IS YOUR FIRST TIME HERE?
AAH

IF YOU DIE HERE, YOU CAN'T EVER RETURN TO THE REAL WORLD.
YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING YET, SO A WORD OF CAUTION...
T-THEN, THOSE GUYS JUST NOW.
.....WHA?
THAT'S THE WAY THE SYSTEM WORKS
IN THE REAL WORLD, I'D LOOK LIKE IT WAS FROM ILLNESS, ACCIDENT, SUICIDE
...DEAD

PENALTY? LIKE YOU WON'T GET TO USE THE LP SYSTEM?
IT'S A LOT MORE SERIOUS THAN THAT...
WELL...
WHEN A BOSS APPEARS, ALL PAID ACCOUNT MEMBERS ARE FORCEFULLY LOGGED IN
BUT IF WE LET OTHER PLAYERS DEFEAT THE BOSS, THERE'S A PENALTY
THERE ARE OTHER PLAYERS, RIGHT?
THEN WE CAN HIDE UNTIL SOME OTHER PLAYERS DEFEAT THE BOSS RIGHT!
T-THEN...
SO, THE AVATAR DISAP-PEARS...?
"A DECEASED"?
AND TURN INTO A DECEASED
IF A PLAYER CAN'T DEFEAT A BOSS ONE OF THEIR SUMMONED AVATARS WILL BE RANDOMLY CHOSEN
THAT'S RIGHT
THERE WAS AN AVATAR I USED WHEN I WAS PLAYING WITH THE FREE ACCOUNT
.....!?
BEEP!
DUH! YOU HAVE AN AVATAR DON'T YOU!?
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WHA... MY FRIENDS!? MY SISTER!?
THOSE ARE YOUR AVATARS
INSTEAD OF CASH, YOUR FRIENDS ARE USED AS PAYMENT AND TURNED INTO AVATARS
羽田 桃
ルナ
Lv 12
良樹
オレット
26
暗山
グレイス
Lv 05
剛生 桐人
エピロ
Lv 09
杉原 麻那
ベキエル
Lv 15
FRIENDS... AS PAY-MENT!?
NGH... TSU-KINO...
WHAT'S UP WITH THIS CROSS MARK?
TAP
AVATAR LUNA LV.12

HANADA TSUKINO LUNA LV:12
……!?

.....!
THAT HAIR-PIN...
IT CAN'T BE...?

?
.....
TSUKI...
...NO...!?

YOU JUST PLAYED HER FROM YOUR HAND.
LUNA LV12
LP 00300/00300
WHY IS TSUKINO... HERE?
AND DRESSED LIKE THAT..
THE AVATAR'S BASED ON YOUR FRIEND'S IMAGE.
LUNA...
AN AVATAR WITH TSUKINO'S IMAGE...
...SO IT'S... NOT REALLY HER?
BUT BE WARNED..

JUST LIKE A PLAYER
IF AN AVATAR IS DESTROYED THE FRIEND THAT CORRESPONDS TO THAT AVATAR
...ALSO DIES
.....!?
THE BOSS IS GOING TO FINISH EATING!
IF WE TRY TO ESCAPE NOW, THERE'S A CHANCE YOU MIGHT LOSE YOUR FRIEND
WE'LL TALK ABOUT THE DETAILS LATER! RIGHT NOW, JUST USE THAT AVATAR TO FIGHT!
.....!? FIGHT WITH THIS AVATAR?

I KNOW TSUKINO IS DEAD, BUT NOW I'M GOING TO MAKE HER IMAGE SUFFER TOO!!?
NO MORE!!
...DEAD...?
...I CAN'T...
!?
WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?
DEAD PEOPLE AREN'T SUPPOSED TO BE ABLE TO BE TURNED INTO AVATARS... BUT THEN WHY?
YOU SAY THIS "TSUKINO" IS DEAD?
...WHAT'S IT TO YOU...

THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE
AVATARS ARE LINKED TO THE REAL WORLD
SO IF THAT "LUNA" EXISTS HERE, NOW THEN..
!?
...WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
BUT I SAW... WHEN IT HAPPENED...
...DOES THAT MEAN... TSUKINO'S ALIVE?

THEN MAYBE...
BUT, IF IT'S IMPOSSIBLE LIKE SHE SAYS
!?
BEHIND YOU!!
!?

LUNA!
COUGH COUGH
I'M GONNA DIE!!

...HUH?
LUNA'S NOT ENOUGH TO BEAT HIM!

GURENNIORI LV19
LP 00320/00440
LUNA LV12
LP 00140/00300
HEY!!
LUNA CAN'T TAKE HIS ATTACKS!
CAST A HIGHER LEVEL AVATAR!
AAAAAAAAAA

THE HIGHEST LEVEL IN HERE?
IF IT'S THAT, THEN HIM...
YOSHIKI!
KAMIJYOU YOSHIKI VIOLET LV:26
BUT...!!
IF THE AVATAR DIES, YOSHIKI'S GONNA...!
DIE TOO!

I NEED AN AVATAR TO FIGHT FOR ME
HURRY UP...!
NGH!...
TO SURVIVE FROM THE ENEMY
GURENNIORI LV19
LP 00190/00440
IF IT'S HIM...
HUFF
HUFF
ARGH!
IF IT'S YOSHIKI

BUT WHEN HE SURPASSED ME AT DRAWING, WHEN IT WAS SUPPOSED TO THE THE ONE THING I WAS GOOD AT, IT'S LIKE HE STOLE MY PLACE IN THE WORLD
HE'S ALWAYS BEEN LIKE THAT...
HE COULD DO EVERYTHING... I LOOKED UP TO HIM
AND... TSUKINO TOO...

IF IT'S YOSHIKI,
EVEN IF HE DIES...

WHAT'S THAT AVATAR DOING!
WHA!?
GIVE IT BACK!
GOING TO CAST!!
HOW AM I.....

...DON'T TELL ME
THAT AVATAR...
DOESN'T WANT ME TO CAST ANYTHING ...!?

LUNA LV12
LP 00040/00300
I KNEW IT, THIS AVATAR'S NOT ENOUGH...
LUNA!!
...WHA... SOME-THING'S BEHIND ME!?

THIS IS!
FROM THAT TIME!
OMENS OF DEATH, ONCE AGAIN!
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